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**PORTLAND, MAINE**  
**OCTOBER 26TH AND 27TH**







REV. WILLIAM M. TUFTS, D. D.,  
MODERATOR.

# **MINUTES**

of the

## **..FOURTH STATED MEETING..**

of the

## **✓ SYNOD OF NEW ENGLAND**

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Rev. John F. Johnstone, Ph. D., Presbytery of Connecticut Valley.  
Rev. James W. Smith, Presbytery of Newburyport.  
Rev. John A. McClelland, Presbytery of Providence.

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Rev. Richard R. Lange.

### Class of 1917.

Elder Allan Campbell.

### Class of 1916.

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Elder John A. Murray.

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**Maine**—Rev. Alexander Jackson, Ph. D., Elder S. P. Archibald

## Succession of Moderators.

Date.	Ministers	Presbytery.	Place
1912.	Rev. H. A. Manchester, D. D. (Convener.)	Boston.	Boston
1912.	Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D. D.	Conn. Valley.	Boston.
1913.	Rev. Lester M. Conrow.	Providence.	Hartford.
1914.	Rev. A. McL. Paterson.	Newburyport.	Providence.
1915.	Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D.	Boston.	Portland.

# MINUTES

....OF THE....

## Fourth Stated Meeting

....OF THE....

## Synod of New England.

The Fourth Stated Meeting of the Synod of New England was held in the Park Street Presbyterian Church, Portland, Maine, October 26th and 27th, 1915. The meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. by the Retiring Moderator, the Rev. Allan McD. Paterson, who presided and preached the opening sermon from the text Romans 8:2, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." In this service the Moderator was assisted by the Rev. N. J. Sproul, D. D., who read the Scripture lesson, and the Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D., who offered prayer.

Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following responded to their names:

### ROLL OF SYNOD.

#### Presbytery of Boston.

**Ministers**—Martin D. Kneeland, James Mitchell, George W. Warren, William M. Tufts, Edward E. Weaver, William W. Hiffe, Clarence A. Young, Norman McQueen, George L. McCain, John J. Remolo.

**Elders**—David W. Moffatt, Boston, First; William Cowan, Boston, Fourth; Howard Hunter, East Boston, First; S. J. McNeilly, Brookline, First; L. H. Guptill, M. D., Roxbury, First; R. G. Whitted, Somerville, Union Square.

#### Presbytery of Connecticut Valley.

**Ministers**—Howard Agnew Johnson, William S. Voorhies, Frank D. Smith, George H. McClelland.

**Elders**—L. S. Begent, Stamford, First; S. A. Brush, Greenwich, First; William Morrison, Holyoke, First.

#### Presbytery of Newburyport.

**Ministers**—Alexander Jackson, Allan McD. Paterson, James W. Smith, Edgar Crossland, James McInnis.

**Elders**—Edward F. Hayden, Portland, Park St.; Angus McAskill, Haverhill, First.

#### Presbytery of Providence.

**Ministers**—Nathaniel J. J. Sproul, Lester M. Conrow, John A.

McClelland, Charles Allen Fisher, Leroy L. Daniel, Joseph E. Kennedy.

**Elders**—William C. Ross, Newport, First; David J. MacFarlane, New Bedford, First; Charles W. Weller, Framingham, First; Frederick B. Thomson, Worcester, First.

#### Members Present.

	Ministers	Elders	Totals
Boston . . . . .	10	6	16
Connecticut Valley . . . . .	4	3	7
Newburyport . . . . .	5	2	7
Providence . . . . .	6	4	10
	<hr/> 25	<hr/> 15	<hr/> 40
Corresponding members . . . . .			11
Total . . . . .			<hr/> 51

The Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D., of the Presbytery of Boston was elected Moderator.

The Rev. Lester M. Conrow, of the Presbytery of Providence was re-elected Stated Clerk for a term of three years.

The Rev. John A. McClelland, of the Presbytery of Providence, was appointed Temporary Clerk.

The Rev. James Todd, D. D., whose term of office as Treasurer expired, requesting that he be not re-elected for another term, giving as his reason the state of his health, the Rev. William W. Bliffe, of the Presbytery of Boston, was elected to the office of Treasurer for a term of three years.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write the Rev. James Todd, D. D., retiring Treasurer, a letter of sympathy and of appreciation of his work as Treasurer during the past three years.

The Synod, by a rising vote of thanks, expressed its appreciation of the efficient service and able sermon of the retiring Moderator.

The following ministers were introduced to Synod and invited to sit as corresponding members:—

- Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D.D., Synod of Baltimore.
- Rev. H. C. Minton, D.D., Synod of New Jersey.
- Rev. Harvey A. Brokaw, Synod of Pennsylvania.
- Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D., Synod of New York.
- Rev. William P. Shriver, Synod of New York.
- Rev. Edward Chase, Kennebec Association of Congregational Churches.
- Rev. Joseph Battell Shepherd, D.D., Episcopal Diocese of Maine.
- Rev. A. W. Anthony, D.D., Maine Free Baptist Association.
- Rev. John Waterworth, Cumberland Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers.
- Rev. Charles Keene, Advent Christian Conference of Maine.
- Rev. Bowley E. Green, D.D., Maine Convention of Baptist Churches.

The Rev. Alexander Jackson, Ph. D., the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, welcomed Synod to Portland and presented the report of the committee with the following program, which was adopted:

### **DOCKET.**

**Tuesday, October 26th.**

- 2:00 P. M.—Opening Service and Sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Allan McD. Paterson.  
Synod constituted by prayer.  
Roll Call.  
Election of Moderator.  
Election of Stated Clerk for three years.  
Election of Treasurer for three years.  
Appointment of Temporary Clerk.  
Report of Committee on Arrangements, Rev. Alexander Jackson, D. D., Chairman.
- 3:00 P. M.—Conference on Evangelism, conducted by Charles L. Huston, chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on Evangelism.  
Address by Rev. H. C. Minton, D. D., a former Moderator of the General Assembly.  
Discussion by Synod.
- 5:00 P. M.—Appointment of Standing Committees by Moderator.  
Reference of Papers by the Stated Clerk.  
Reading and Reference of the Report of the Treasurer, Rev. James Todd, D. D.

### **Dinner.**

- 6:00 P. M.—Rev. Lester M. Conrow, presiding.  
Speakers: Rev. Joseph Battell Shepherd, President Ministers' Union, Portland; Rev. Charles M. Woodman, President Church Federation, Portland; Lieut. F. Wiggin, Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D. D., Moderator of the General Assembly.

### **Popular Meeting.**

- 7:45 P. M.—The Moderator, presiding.  
Address by Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D. D., Moderator of the General Assembly.  
Address by Rev. Harvey Brokaw, D. D., of Japan, representing the Board of Foreign Missions.

**Wednesday, October 27th.**

- 9:00 A. M.—Devotional Service.
- 9:30 A. M.—Roll Call.  
Reading and Approval of Minutes.  
Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures.  
Consideration of proposed Amendment to Standing Rule VI.
- 10:00 A. M.—Reception of Corresponding Members.  
Address by Prof. Alfred W. Anthony, D. D., representing the Federation of Churches of the six New England States.
- 10:30 A. M.—Conference on the "Every Member Plan."  
Address by the Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Church Erection.

- 11: A. M.—Narrative of Synod, Rev. John A. McClelland.  
Executive Commission Report, Rev. A. McD. Paterson,  
Chairman.  
Trustees of Synod, Report, Rev. H. A. Johnston, D. D.  
Chairman.  
Election of Trustees.  
12:00 M.—Luncheon.

### Wednesday Afternoon.

- 2:00 P. M.—Conference on Home Missions, Rev. William M. Tufts,  
D. D., presiding.  
Report of Committee on Home Missions and Evangel-  
ism (including Freedmen and Church Election),  
Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D., Chairman.  
Addresses on the Departments of Home Mission Work  
in the Synod:—  
1. The Lumbermen's Work, Rev. James MacInnes,  
Missionary; Rev. Frederick McNeill, Granite-  
ville, Vt.  
Discussion by Synod.  
2. Work Among Our Non-English Speaking People  
in New England.

#### Italian Work.

In Somerville, Rev. Norman McQueen.  
In Quincy, Rev. Clarence E. Campbell.  
In Boston Presbytery, Rev. J. J. Romolo, Mis-  
sionary.

#### Syrian Work.

In Providence Presbytery, Rev. N. F. Sproul, D. D.

#### Polish Work.

Outlook in Providence Presbytery, Rev. L. M.  
Conrow.

Situation and Policy recommended by the Board  
of Home Missions, Rev. William P. Shriver,  
Supt. of Immigrant and City Work.

Discussion by Synod.

3. Work in Our Aided English Speaking Fields:  
Manchester, N. H., Rev. James W. Smith.  
Mattapan, Rev. George L. McCain.  
Everett, Rev. William E. Archibald, D. D.  
Fields that have reached self support:—  
Brookline, Rev. William W. Iliffe.  
Hyde Park, Rev. A. M. McLeod.  
Framingham, Rev. John A. McClelland.  
Rev. William P. Shriver will speak on an Extension  
Policy.

Subject for discussion: The Merits and Methods of  
Extension in Establishing New Sunday Schools and  
Churches.

Report of Synod's representative on the Home Mis-  
sions Council, Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D.

4:00 P. M.—Recess.

4:15 P. M.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Moderator to preside.

To administer the bread, Rev. Charles Allen Fisher.

To administer the cup, Rev. Howard A. Johnston.  
D. D.

### **Banquet.**

6:00 P. M.—The Brotherhood of Park Street Church, the host.  
The Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D., Toastmaster.  
Speakers: Hon. William M. Ingraham, Mayor of  
Portland; Mr. John T. Manson, Rev. Frank M.  
Carson, D. D., Rev. Bowley Green, D. D.

### **Popular Meeting.**

7:45 P. M.—Rev. William W. Iliffe, presiding.  
Address, Mrs. M. A. Gildersleeve, Associate Secretary  
of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.  
Address, "John Huss," Rev. Howard A. Johnston,  
D. D.

### **Thursday, October 28th.**

9:00 A. M.—Devotional Service.

9:30 A. M.—Roll Call.

Reading and approval of Minutes.  
Christian Education; Report of Committee, Rev.  
Frank M. Carson, D. D., Chairman.  
Christian Education; Report of Committee, Rev. F. A.  
M. Brown, D. D., Chairman.  
Publication S. S. Work and Young People's Societies;  
Report of Committee, Rev. J. McL. Richardson.  
Ministerial Relief and Sustentation; Report of Com-  
mittee, Rev. James Todd, D. D., Chairman.  
American Bible Society; Report of Committee, Rev.  
Frank D. Smith, Chairman.  
Address, Rev. William Hogarth Tower, Eastern Sec-  
retary.  
Vacancy and Supply; Report of Committee, Rev.  
Duncan A. McPhie, Chairman.  
Brotherhood, Social Service, Temperance and Lord's  
Day; Report of Committee, Rev. Martin D.  
Kneeland, D. D., Chairman.  
Report of Special Committee on Meeting of the Gen-  
eral Assembly, Rev. Lester M. Conrow, Chairman.  
Final Reports of Standing Committees:  
Bills and Overtures.  
Judicial Business.  
Minutes of General Assembly.  
Finance.  
Next Place of Meeting.  
Records of Presbyteries.  
Resolutions.  
Nominations of Permanent Committees.  
Leave of Absence.  
Roll Call.  
Reading and Approval of Minutes.  
Adjournment. Prayer and Benediction by Moderator.

On request of the Committee of Arrangements, A. A.  
Heald, Assistant State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., represent-  
ing the Laymen's Missionary Movement, addressed the Synod.

### **CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM.**

Mr. Charles L. Huston, chairman of the General Assembly's

Committee on Evangelism, led the Synod in a Conference on Evangelism. Mr. Huston addressed Synod and introduced the Rev. Henry C. Minton, D. D., a member of the General Assembly's Committee, who aroused the members to renewed efforts as he told of the work which the committee was doing throughout the church. A discussion followed, which was participated in by many members of Synod.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES.**

The Moderator announced his appointments to the Standing Committees as follows:—

#### **Bills and Overtures.**

Rev. N. J. Sprout, D.D., Chairman; Rev. M. D. Kneeland, D.D., Rev. George H. McClelland, Ph. D., Elder R. G. Whitted, Elder F. B. Thomson.

#### **Judicial Business.**

Rev. George L. McCain, Chairman; Rev. Charles A. Fisher, Rev. Edgar Crossland, Elder William C. Ross, Elder C. W. Weller.

#### **Minutes of the General Assembly.**

Rev. George W. Warren, Chairman; Rev. Leroy L. Daniel, Rev. James Mitchell, Ph. D., Elder H. Hunter, Elder William Cowan.

#### **Leave of Absence.**

The Stated Clerk, the Permanent Clerk and the Temporary Clerk.

#### **Finance.**

Elder L. H. Gaptill, M. D., Elder D. W. Moffat, Elder William Morrison.

#### **Nomination of Permanent Committee.**

Rev. A. McD. Paterson, Chairman; Rev. W. W. Hiffe, Rev. W. S. Voorhies, D.D., Elder L. H. Begent, Elder S. J. McNeilly.

#### **Place of Next Meeting.**

Rev. H. A. Johnston, D.D., Chairman; Rev. Alexander Jackson, Ph. D., Elder Edward F. Hayden.

#### **Records of Presbyteries.**

**Boston**—Rev. W. S. Voorhies, D. D., Elder Angus McAskill.  
**Connecticut Valley**—Rev. James Melnis, Elder W. C. Ross.  
**Newburyport**—Rev. Leroy L. Daniel, Elder Whitted.  
**Providence**—Rev. N. McQueen, Elder William Morrison.

#### **Resolutions.**

Rev. Frank D. Smith, Chairman; Elder S. A. Brush.

Papers which had come into the hands of the Stated Clerk were reported and on motion were turned over to the Committee on Bills and Overtures for consideration and reference to the proper committees.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

The report of the Treasurer, Rev. James Todd, D. D., was

read and on motion it was referred to the Finance Committee for audit and report. The report is as follows:—

#### INCOMES.

1914.		
Oct. 28.	Balance brought forward.....	\$143.13
Nov. 4.	From N. J. Sproul, Providence.....	38.32
Dec. 28.	From J. F. Johnstone, Connecticut Valley .....	62.84
1915.		
May 9.	From J. W. Smith, Newburyport.....	51.78
May 9.	From N. J. Sproul, Providence.....	38.32
June 10.	From Wm. Cowan, Boston.....	79.60
Oct. 20.	From J. F. Johnstone, Connecticut Valley .....	65.02
		\$479.01

#### EXPENDITURES.

1914.		
Nov. 1.	Miss Coffin, Treasurer W. S. M. S.....	\$25.00
Nov. 1.	Janitors' fee.....	19.00
Nov. 1.	Salary permanent clerk, J. W. Smith....	10.00
Nov. 17.	Entertainment of Synod.....	91.70
Nov. 17.	Home Mission circulars.....	3.00
1915.		
Jan. 13.	L. M. Conrow, postage.....	15.00
Mar. 23.	Moderator of Synod, railway fare.....	1.86
Apr. 2.	Bristol Printing Co., Minutes.....	75.00
May 26.	Bristol Printing Co., Minutes.....	65.75
May 26.	Stated Clerk, half salary.....	37.50
June 18.	Rev. W. M. Tufts, expenses, etc.....	14.60
Sept. 25.	Stated Clerk, half salary.....	37.50
Oct. 25.	Treasurer, printing and incidentals....	1.25
		\$388.16
Balance on hand.....		\$90.85

The Moderator was appointed a committee to extend the greetings of Synod to the members of the Woman's Synodical Society in session at this time in the hall of the Y. W. C. A. The Stated Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mrs. W. D. McKissick, the president of the Woman's Synodical Society, expressing the regrets of Synod that illness prevented her attendance and assuring her of our prayers for her complete recovery.

#### REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Rev. H. A. Johnston, D. D., chairman of the Board of Trustees of Synod, presented the annual report. Having been authorized to look into the matter of the incorporation of Synod certain recommendations were made. These were referred to a Committee on Incorporation consisting of the Trustees of Synod and the Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D. This committee was directed to proceed with the incorporation of Synod under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## AMENDMENT TO RULE VI.

The amendment to Rule VI, proposed at the Third Annual Meeting (p. 81. Minutes 1914), was taken up and carried, and is as follows:—

The Stated Clerk and the Permanent Clerk shall be elected by ballot and shall serve three years each, and their terms shall expire in alternate years.

The report of the Committee on "Brotherhood, Social Service, Lord's Day, and Temperance" was presented by the chairman, the Rev. M. D. Kuecland, D. D., and heartily approved.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief and Sustentation, Rev. James Todd, D. D., chairman, was read by the Rev. W. S. Voorhies, D. D., and the following recommendations were adopted.

1. That the Synod place on record its approval and commendation of the faithful and efficient administration of the Board's work during the year past.

2. That we recommend the work of the Board in its campaign for the Ten Million Dollar Fund, and ask that the Synod co-operate with the Board when it is ready to come within our bounds.

3. That we commend the effort to secure the co-operation of the Ladies' Aid Societies in the work of the Relief Department, it being understood that their money shall go to the care of widows and orphans.

4. That we suggest to those who may be looking for a safe investment of money which they wish finally to leave to the church, to investigate our Annuity Bonds, which guarantee 5% interest per year, the principal eventually coming into the treasury of the Board as Endowment Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES TODD, Chairman.

WILLIAM S. VOORHIES.

After prayer the meeting adjourned to convene again tomorrow at 9 a. m.

## DINNER, 6 P. M.

Dinner was served to the delegates and guests by the ladies of the Park St. Church, after which congratulatory and inspiring addresses were made.

The Rev. Lester M. Courow, presiding, acted as toastmaster.

The Rev. Joseph Battell Shepherd, D. D., President of the Ministers' Union of Portland; Lieut. F. Wiggin of the G. A. R.; the Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D. D., Moderator of the General Assembly, and the Rev. Edward Chase, an honored guest, were heard with great pleasure.

## **POPULAR MEETING.**

**Tuesday, 7.45 P. M.**

The Moderator, the Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D., presiding, introduced as the speakers of the evening, the Rev. Harvey Brokaw of Japan, who represented the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D. D., Moderator of the General Assembly, both speakers pointing out Christianity's opportunity and urging our coöperation to meet it properly.

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING.**

Synod convened at 9 a. m. for a devotional service led by the Rev. Joseph E. Kennedy.

At 9.20 a. m. Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the names recorded of those reporting today.

The minutes of the sessions yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. N. J. Sproul, D. D., chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, made report, designating the committees to which the papers in the hands of the committee were to be referred.

The order of the day at 10 a. m. was an address by Prof. Alfred W. Anthony, D. D., representative of the Federation of Churches in the six New England states and also of the Maine Free Baptist Association.

Synod responded to the greetings of these federations and the happy address of Dr. Anthony by appointing representatives as requested. To the Federation of Churches of Massachusetts, the Rev. Clarence A. Young, Ph. D., and Elder William Cowan; to the Interdenominational Association of Maine, the Rev. Alexander Jackson, Ph. D., and Elder S. P. Archibald.

The Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Church Erection, addressed the Synod on the work of the board and the "Every Member Plan." Synod expressed its appreciation of the address and work of Dr. Wylie by a rising vote.

## **NARRATIVE.**

The Narrative of Synod was read by the Rev. John A. McClelland, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Providence. After considerable discussion of the state of religion within the bounds of Synod the report of the Committee on Narrative was adopted. (See Appendix A p.158)

The following resolution, introduced by Rev. H. A. Johnston, D. D., was adopted:

Resolved: That the Presbyteries of Synod be instructed to secure from each church a report of the state of religion, before the Fall Meeting of each Presbytery, and that each Presbytery shall report to Synod each year the spiritual condition of the churches, as supplementary to the statistical report which is sent to the General Assembly.

The Bills and Overtures Committee, through the chairman, the Rev. N. J. Sproul, D. D., submitted the following resolution, suggested by the conditions as revealed by the Narrative:

Resolved: That the Synod express its appreciation of the Catechisms approved by our General Assembly for use in all our Sunday Schools, and most earnestly urge all our sessions to emphasize more and more the great need of retaining them in the curriculum of every school, and of their being studied by and taught to our young people.

### **PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting, through the chairman, Rev. H. A. Johnston, D. D., reported invitations from the First Church of Brookline and the First Church of Roxbury. The recommendation of the committee was that we accept that of the First Church of Brookline. This recommendation was adopted.

The Rev. George W. Warren, chairman of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, made report for that committee. The report was approved.

After prayer the morning session was adjourned.

### **WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.**

Business was resumed after prayer by the Moderator.

### **PUBLICATION, SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.**

The report of this committee, of which Rev. J. McL. Richardson is chairman, was made by the Rev. C. A. Young, Ph. D., in the absence of the chairman. The report in part is as follows:—

Your chairman of the Committee on Publication, Sabbath School Work and Young People's Societies begs leave to report as follows:

An increasing interest in Young People's work as realized in a net gain in membership of 25%. Based on the incomplete reports which have come in it would seem that more societies are giving to missions and more are interested in the effort to win others to the church life than ever before.

Your chairman regrets that the failure on the part of certain Stated Clerks to file reports with him, makes it impossible to furnish more definite information.

We note with sorrow that the Presbytery of Newburyport shows a shrinkage of 200 scholars in the last two years, while Providence

has hardly held its own. Boston and Connecticut Valley have forged ahead, making up for the losses of the other two Presbyteries and showing a net gain for Synod over last year of 35. It would seem as if 9,479 scholars could be stirred to a deeper desire to bring others into the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McLAREN RICHARDSON.

The report of the Committee on American Bible Society was presented by the Rev. F. D. Smith, chairman. The report was received and its recommendations adopted as follows:—

First. We would acknowledge our thankfulness to Almighty God for the inception and perpetuation, through a century, of this Society, which has made itself so indispensable to the work of the Master's Kingdom.

Second. We would express to the officers of the American Bible Society our heartiest congratulations on the completion of the One Hundred Years of Service, and the sincere hope that the future will see a greater work in this Society than has been portrayed in the mind of the most optimistic.

Third. We recommend to the pastors and sessions of the Synod of New England that they support in every way possible the work of the American Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK D. SMITH, Chairman.

Following this report the Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D. D., addressed the Synod on the work of the American Bible Society, being heard as the special representative of the society.

The Synod received with pleasure the report of the donation of a Home for Aged New England Ministers provided for by a bequest to the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation, by a member of the First Church of Newport, R. I.

### **HOME MISSIONS, EVANGELISM, ETC.**

The Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D., chairman, made report for Home Missions, Evangelism, Church Erection and Freedmen. The report was received and the following recommendations adopted:—

#### **Report of the Home Mission Committee.**

The Reverend the Synod of New England:

Your Committee on Evangelism, Home Missions, Church Erection and Freedom report as follows:

#### **I Evangelism:**

This work is laying hold of the churches in an ever increasing measure. Large ingatherings have been secured with the use of eminently Scriptural methods, such as prayer covenants, cottage prayer meetings, visitation and personal appeal, challenge to decision at every service, and special meetings.

This matter is so vital that we recommend that there be elected at this meeting of the Synod a Standing Committee on Evangelism.

#### **II Church Erection:**

The Board under its amended rules has helped many churches

of our bounds in recent years in a liberal manner. During the past year St. Paul's Church, Mattapan, was erected and dedicated, and next month the new church at Everett is to be dedicated.

We recommend. (a) That the churches be asked to continue their support to this Board. (b) That Presbyteries be requested to arrange that a member of the Presbytery Committee on Church Erection shall serve on the Building Committee of Churches applying for aid from the Board.

### III Freedman:

We rejoice in the growing interest of the people of the bounds in the education and elevation of the colored race.

The Negro of the North has come to be a problem owing to immigration from the South, and we therefore recommend: That the request of the Board of Missions for Freedmen to be permitted to work among the colored people of the bounds of the Synod be granted.

### IV Home Missions:

(a) Woman's Synodical Society. We rejoice in the report of progress submitted to the Synod by the Synodical Society. It has been a year of great advance in forming new Societies, adding new members in deepening interest and in increased offerings. There are now 1,330 women banded together in 41 Missiary Societies, with 71 allied organizations, and they report \$6,888.39 contributed to the Boards.

We recommend: That the Synod express its pleasure in this report and tender its congratulations to the Synodical Society, with every good wish for the coming year.

(b) Lumber Camp Work. Last March Rev. James MacInnes came to us in accordance with the resolution of last Synod authorizing the Committee to enter into this arrangement. He has visited many of the camps and is meeting great encouragement and appreciation. The Synod commends his efforts to enlist the churches in the interest of these brothers deprived of the means of grace, and urges the churches to co-operate with him in the provision of first aid equipment and reading matter.

The Synod commends the Church at Stamford, Conn., for its splendid liberality towards this enterprise, and especially in providing the missionary with an automobile for his greater efficiency.

(c) Non-English Speaking Work. The Italian work has been carried on at Somerville and Quincy under the direction of Mr. Shriver, the Sessions of these churches, and the Committee.

We commend the work of Mr. Romolo and congratulate the local churches upon their interest in the work.

A Polish student has made a survey of conditions at New Bedford and has had good audiences at his services.

A Syrian student, Mr. Atiyeh, has made a survey of Providence, and has worked during the summer in Pawtucket and Central Falls among his people.

We recommend: That the Synod express its appreciation of the gifts of the Board and of the labors of Mr. Shriver, and the agents employed during the summer and call upon the churches to support the Board in its efforts to solve our share of the national problem of immigration.

And further: That the Synod request our people to seek every opportunity of personal human contact with the stranger within our gates, that love, mutual understanding and helpful service may prevail in our relation with these brethren.

(d) English Speaking Work. All our aid-receiving churches are settled very happily. They are making progress and are steadily drawing nearer to self-support. South Framingham went off the list during the year, and several others will follow as soon as the burden of indebtedness on their buildings is raised.

We recommend: That the Synod urge our people to make great efforts to underwrite our Budget this year that we may sustain the honorable relation we now have to the Board of self-support for our English Speaking Work.

And further: That Synod call upon Presbyteries to study anew the situation and to go forward to such a measure of church extension as they find the facts will warrant.

(e) Home Missions Council. The Synod rejoices in the establishment of the Home Missions Council by the General Assembly and look forward to great forward movements in this department of the Church's work.

We recommend: That the Rev. W. M. Tufts, D. D., be appointed by the Synod as its representative at the meetings of the Home Missions Council for the ensuing two years.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. TUFTS, Chairman.

The Conference on Home Missions adopted with the Docket was held when the following persons addressed Synod: Rev. W. P. Shriver, Superintendent of Immigration Work, on the subject, "The Situation and Policy Recommended by the Board of Home Mission."

Rev. James MacInnes, "Lumbermen's Work."

Rev. Norman McQueen and Rev. John J. Romolo, "Italian Work."

Rev. N. J. Sproul, D. D., "Syrian Work."

Rev. Lester M. Conrow, "The Polish Situation."

The following resolution was proposed and on motion was adopted

Resolved: That Synod request the Board of Home Missions to prosecute a religious and social survey of the communities where our churches are located, and a study of the churches and their activities, as a further basis for a program of Home Missions and Church Extension in the Synod, to be considered at the forthcoming meeting of Synod.

The Synod, by vote, requested the Rev. James MacInnes to make arrangements for presenting the Lumber Camp Work to our churches as the opportunity afforded.

The Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D., reported his attendance at the meetings of the Home Missions' Council. As recommended by the Committee on Home Missions, Dr. Tufts was elected as representative of Synod for the coming two years.

Synod, by unanimous vote, suspended the Standing Rule on Amendments, Rule 22, and provided for a Committee on Evangelism. On recommendation of the Committee on Nominations of Permanent Committees the following were elected to the Committee on Evangelism: Rev. H. A. Johnston, D. D.,

chairman; Rev. W. W. Hiffe, Rev. L. M. Conrow, Rev. A. McD. Paterson, Elder John T. Manson, Elder C. M. Pike, Elder S. J. McNeilly, Elder Andrew Crosser.

Synod then took recess that arrangements might be made for the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The Communion Service was conducted by the Moderator, who presided. He was assisted by Rev. A. McD. Paterson, Rev. L. M. Conrow, Rev. Charles Allen Fisher, who administered the bread, and the Rev. H. A. Johnston, D. D., who administered the cup.

The delegates of the Woman's Synodical Society joined with the Synod in this service.

Elders L. H. Gupfill, M. D., Edward F. Hayden, William Morrison, Charles W. Weller, P. B. Thomson, Fred K. Barnes and Alexander F. Archibald assisted in distributing the elements.

It being announced that the Rev. B. Fay Mills was conducting union evangelistic services in Greenwich, Conn., and that the Rev. F. M. Carson, D. D., was kept from the meeting of Synod because of them, Synod authorized Elder S. A. Brush to send a message conveying its best wishes and prayers for the success of the meetings.

Elder L. H. Gupfill, M. D., reported for the Finance Committee. The report, which was received and adopted, is as follows:—

Your Finance Committee beg to report as follows:—

We have examined the report of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

Regarding the request from the Board of Foreign Missions that Synod pay, if possible, the expenses of the Rev. Harvey Brokaw, its representative, we recommend that, considering the condition of our finances, Synod do not pay them.

The Woman's Synodical Society, having asked for a donation of \$25.00 towards their expenses, we recommend that an offering be taken at the popular meeting this evening and any deficiency be drawn from the treasury.

Your Committee finds that the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley has made a short return of \$4.96, the Presbytery of Boston a short return of \$8.16; Presbytery of Providence over paid \$1.36; Newburyport a short return of 8 cents.

In view of the payment of \$101 for the entertainment of Synod at Providence in 1914, your Committee recommends a donation to the Committee of the Park Street Church of Portland of \$65 and \$10 to the janitor.

Your Committee notes that our expenditures for 1914-1915 were \$52.28 more than our income. We would therefore recommend that the per capita be raised from 2 cents per member to 2 1/4

cents per member, so that our finances may be on a firm foundation.  
Respectfully submitted,

L. H. GUPTILL, M. D. Chairman,  
D. W. MOFFATT,  
WM. MORRISON.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to collect the amounts due from Presbyteries.

At the request of the Stated Clerk, Synod appropriated the sum of \$75 to cover the printing and distribution of the Minutes of 1915.

The Committee on Records of Presbyteries reported that the records of the Presbytery of Boston, Presbytery of Newburyport and Presbytery of Providence had been examined and approved, but that the records of the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley were missing. The report was received and the records examined were approved by Synod and the Stated Clerk was directed to sign them.

After prayer the Synod adjourned to be convened for business after the popular meeting this evening.

#### **BANQUET 6 P. M.**

The Synod and Woman's Synodical Society were the guests of the Brotherhood of the Park St. Church at a banquet.

The Moderator, Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D., presided and acted as toastmaster.

Addresses were made by the Hon. William M. Ingraham, Mayor of Portland; the Rev. Bowley Green, D. D.; the Rev. H. A. Johnston, D. D.; the Rev. D. G. Wylie, D. D., and Elder A. Archibald.

#### **POPULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY 7.45 P. M.**

The Rev. W. W. Hiffe presided, and was assisted by the Rev. L. L. Daniel, who read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. Clarence A. Young, Ph. D., who offered prayer.

Mrs. M. A. Gildersleeve, Associate Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, addressed Synod of the Work of the Woman's Board.

Rev. H. A. Johnston, D. D., delivered an address on "John Huss."

After this meeting Synod took up matters of business.

The Committee on Resolutions reported through Chairman Rev. F. D. Smith. The resolutions following were read at the popular meeting and adopted.

Resolution 1. The Synod of New England hereby extends its most hearty thanks to the Rev. Alexander Jackson, Ph. D., and his beloved people, for their gracious and generous welcome and entertainment in the church and in the homes. The assistance of the choir and all concerned is specially noted.

Resolution 2. We do again thank Dr. Jackson for the arrangement of the program and the privilege of listening to the men who came from other associations and walks of life in this city; for the helpful and inspiring addresses of greeting and encouragement in a closer and stronger fellowship in the work of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Resolution 3. We tender our most earnest thanks to the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D. D., Mrs. M. A. Gildersleeve, Associate Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions; His Honor, William M. Ingraham, Mayor of Portland; Prof. A. W. Anthony, D. D.; the Rev. Bowley Green, D. D.; the Rev. J. B. Shepherd, D. D., the Rev. Harvey Brokaw, D. D.; the Rev. Henry C. Minton, D. D., the Rev. D. G. Wylie, D. D., Mr. Charles L. Huston, Rev. Wm. P. Shriver, the Rev. Edward Chase, Lieut. Wiggin, for their stirring words of encouragement and Christian fellowship. Nor would we forget the members of this Synod in our gratitude for their helpful addresses.

Resolution 4. Above all things, our deepest gratitude is given unto Him who has brought us in safety and has kept us, and given us the recognition of His Holy Presence throughout this meeting of the Synod of New England. We thank Him for the apparent and assured growth of the spiritual life in our churches and beseech Him that His favor may continue to be so manifested that our Beloved Church may ever prove a growing power in the reflection of His Glory in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

S. AUGUSTUS BRUSH,  
FRANK D. SMITH.

The Rev. A. McD. Paterson, chairman, reported for the Committee on Nominations of Permanent Committees. The report was accepted and its recommendations adopted.

(See List of Permanent Committees p. 129-131.)

The Committee on Judicial Business reported through chairman, the Rev. George L. McCain, that no business had come before it. This report was received and approved.

Elder S. Augustus Brush presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. Rev. Frank M. Carson, D. D., chairman. This report was received and recommendations adopted as follows:—

In view of the foregoing your Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That the Synod acknowledges with gratitude the faithful work that has been accomplished by its churches in the promotion of the Cause of Foreign Missions as evidenced by the gifts of the churches through their congregations, women's societies and Sabbath Schools.

2. That we urge upon all pastors and sessions the advisability of encouraging the formation of Missionary Societies among the women of their churches where such societies do not now exist, and that every Sabbath School be requested to make some offering to the Board of Foreign Missions.

3. That the ministers be encouraged to continue the educational work in their churches by the formation of Missions Study

Classes by the use of stereopticon lectures illustrating foreign fields and by the invitation to returned missionaries to address their congregations. This may be done by correspondence with the Board at its headquarters in New York, inasmuch as the Board wishes to arrange for Presbyterian itineraries by groups of furloughed missionaries.

4. That the claims of Christ and the Church upon our young people for service as missionaries be presented by pastors, S. S. superintendents and teachers, in co-operation with the parents.

5. That the Synod heartily commends the Board of Foreign Missions and its Secretaries for their untiring zeal and notable wisdom in the management of this branch of the work of the churches, while we also hold in grateful recognition the heroic faithfulness of our missionaries in these last months of turmoil and of sore difficulty since the outbreak of the European war.

6. That under conviction as to the power of genuine Christianity, and of that alone, to heal the open sores of the world and to bring peace to all men of all nations, we press on with our campaign in all the churches for the preaching of the gospel as a witness to all nations, that so the promised consummation may be hastened when the Lord shall come to reign gloriously and to make the kingdoms of this world His own.

FRANK M. CARSON,

Chairman Com. on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Education reported through the Rev. F. A. M. Brown, D. D., whose report was read by the Rev. E. E. Weaver, Ph. D., a member of the committee. The report in part follows with its recommendations, which was adopted.

#### Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee, with the interest that always attaches to the intimate study of a subject, is deeply impressed with the enlarged demands of the work of the Board, made more and more impreative by new opportunities, almost exacting in their nature. The thought, that the work of the Board is not only that of routine in association with the other Boards of our church, but that it bears within itself fundamental principles, essential to the very existence of all the other Boards, of church is a thought that is gripping the conscience of the church increasingly every year. The slogan of the Board, sustained by an aroused spiritual alertness of the church, may well be "Leadership by an educated, consecrated ministry." Leadership, however, is not an article of manufacture, turned out in quantities to meet urgent conditions, but rather a growth and fruitage, the product of God-informed consciousness of the world's needs. The immediate problem confronting the church is one that can be solved only by the consecrated young manhood of the church; the suggested financial factor, as a difficulty, will be eliminated or become negligible in the larger vision and consequent interest respecting the crying need of the world. It is gratifying to note that the past year has been one of marked advancement.

Your Committee would recommend the following:

That Vocation Day be observed by all of our churches.

The Universal Day of Prayer be observed as suggested by the Board.

That Education Week, beginning with Sunday, Feb. 20, be recognized in some especial manner by our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. M. BROWN.

The Stated Clerk was directed to request the Board of Publication to provide literature in Arabic for the use of Synod among the Syrians within its bounds.

The communication from The National Reform Association, referred to the Committee on Social Service, was by it reported back to Synod with the unanimous endorsement of the following:—

Whereas, the Mormon institution is a polygamous kingdom set up in this Republic under the rule of a false prophet, who holds that his authority is superior to the civil powers;

And Whereas, the National Reform Association of Pittsburgh has inaugurated a nation-wide movement against the evils of the Mormon system, and has offered to the country the following platform and program:

#### THE PLATFORM.

We insist that all churches have equal rights in this country.

We insist that the Mormon church shall have no more privileges than any other church in this country.

We insist that the temporal Mormon Kingdom shall cease to exist in this country.

#### THE PROGRAM.

1. A constitutional amendment to forbid polygamy and polygamous living.

2. A proceeding by the department of justice to force an accounting of the property which was restored to the Mormon Kingdom in trust, and a proceeding to dissolve the Mormon Kingdom property trusteeship as a combination in restraint of trade.

3. An order by the post office department withholding the privileges of the mail from the Mormon Kingdom and its responsible officials, so long as they teach the crime of polygamy.

4. A refusal by each House of Congress to seat any man who pays political allegiance to the Mormon Kingdom or is elected by its power.

5. A refusal by the President to appoint any man to any federal office who pays political allegiance to the Mormon Kingdom.

6. Political opposition by all Christian patriots to any candidate who is to be an ally of the Mormon Kingdom in politics or who will not pledge himself to this program.

And Whereas, in the proposed platform and program there is no war upon religion nor is there any denominational conflict; nor is there any invasion of civil right, nor is there any attack upon innocence;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that this Synod does hereby endorse the platform and program above recited, and does urge the people and the government of this Christian nation to adopt lawful and Christian measures as shall bring to a speedy and merciful end the offenses of the Mormon system.

The terms of Trustees Rev. H. A. Johnston, D. D., and

Elder C. C. Fulton having expired they were re-elected for another term of three years. The Rev. H. A. Johnston, D. D., was elected chairman.

The Committee on Meeting of General Assembly within Synod's bounds reported through Rev. Lester M. Conrow, chairman. The report was received as one of progress and the committee was continued.

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.**

The following amendments were proposed to Article 14:—

To strike out from 2 the words "and Evangelism" and add the words "Church Erection and Freedmen."

Add Section 10. Evangelism—a minister and elder from each Presbytery.

Add to XIV: After the word annually, the chairman and members being equitably distributed among the Presbyteries

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to send a check for \$25 to the Treasurer of the Woman's Syndical Society.

The roll was called and on report of the Committee on Leave of Absence the following were found absent:—

### **EXCUSED FROM ALL SESSIONS.**

#### **Boston.**

**Ministers**—Milton Waldo, Thomas Douglas, Henry B. Townsend, Samuel C. Gunn, Lewis V. Price, John Sinclair, James Todd, Herbert A. Manchester.

#### **Connecticut Valley.**

**Ministers**—F. A. M. Brown, F. M. Carson, J. McL. Richardson.

#### **Newburyport.**

**Ministers**—John P. Newell, Robert Atkinson, Stephen P. Brownell, James Dexter Taylor.

#### **Providence.**

**Ministers**—Peter Holmes McIntosh, Albert E. Weston.

### **ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE.**

#### **Boston.**

**Ministers**—Frank E. Mills, Robert A. Bryant, William E. Archibald, Edward C. Winslow, John E. Wilkey, James Alexander, John Calder, Duncan A. McPhie, Joseph P. Langton, Samuel McNaugher, William C. Minnifie, N. Fred Van Horsen, Albert M. McLeod, Duncan Salmond, Gregory A. Sherijian, Clarence E. Campbell.

#### **Churches Not Represented:**

Boston, St. Andrews; Boston, Scotch; Everett, First; Hyde Park, First; Lynn, First; Mattapan, St. Paul's; Quincy, First; Waltham, First.

#### **Connecticut Valley.**

**Ministers**—Carlos Martyn, Joseph C. Dyckoff, Charles S. Lane, Ford C. Ottman, John F. Johnstone, John L. Maddox, Walter Campbell, Henry F. Natsch.

**Churches Not Represented:**

New Haven, Benedict Memorial; Bridgeport, First; Hartford, First; Norton; Sound Beach, First; Springfield, First; Thompsonville, First.

**Newburyport.**

**Ministers**—T. James Macfaddin, James M. Craig, Frederick C. Saure, John Kamm, Francis H. Laird, Richard R. Lange, Abraham L. Dunton, Bernard Christopher, William J. Ballou, Frederick McNeill, Vaczlav Ziegler, Albert M. Thompson, A. Marston Andrews.

**Churches Not Represented:**

All but Haverhill, First, and Park St. Portland.

**Providence.**

**Ministers**—James D. Cameron, Charles T. Schaeffer.

**Churches Not Represented:**

Leusdale, First; Providence, First; Providence, Second; Woonsocket, First.

The minutes of today's sessions were read and approved.

After the singing of a hymn, and prayer by Elder D. W. Moffat, the Moderator adjourned the Synod until the next meeting, which will be held in the First Church of Brookline, Mass., Tuesday, Oct. 24th, 1916, at 2 p. m. The Synod was closed with the Apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

JOHN A. McCLELLAND,

Temporary Clerk.

JAMES W. SMITH,

Permanent Clerk.

Attest:—

LESTER M. CONROW,

Stated Clerk.

## STATISTICAL REPORTS.

### I. Presbytery of Boston.

Consists of thirty-four ministers and fourteen churches.

#### **Pastoral Relations Dissolved:**

Nov. 22, 1914. James A. Matheson and the Quincy First Church.

June 21, 1915. Albert M. Thompson and the Boston St. Andrew's Church.

#### **Ministers Dismissed:**

Nov. 22, 1914. James A. Matheson, to the Presbytery of Monmouth.

June 21, 1915. John P. McPhie, to the Presbytery of Los Angeles.

Sept. 21, 1915. Albert M. Thompson, to the Presbytery of Newburyport.

#### **Ministers Received:**

Dec. 21, 1914. John J. Romolo, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

April 21, 1915. Francis E. Marsten, D. D., from the Presbytery of New York.

June 21, 1915. Clarence E. Campbell, from the Presbytery of Maumee.

#### **Installations:**

May 17, 1915. Edward E. Weaver, Ph. D., over the Waltham Church.

June 24, 1915. Clarence E. Campbell, over the First Quincy Church.

#### **Ministers Deceased:**

Aug. 22, 1915. Francis Edward Marsten, D. D., aged 65 years.

### II. Presbytery of Connecticut Valley.

Consists of fifteen ministers, ten churches. Six candidates.

#### **Ministers Dismissed:**

June 4, 1915. William G. Clark-Duff, Stated Supply at Sound Beach, to the Presbytery of Long Island.

Aug. 28, 1915. Arthur James, to the Presbytery of Porto Rico.

#### **Ministers Received:**

April 20, 1915. Henry Furnald Natsch, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Oct. 5, 1915. Walter J. Campbell, from the Presbytery of New York.

Oct. 21, 1915. George H. McClelland, Ph. D., from the U. P. Presbytery of New York.

#### **Minister Ordained:**

May 15, 1915. Arthur James, at New Haven, Conn.

#### **Installation:**

Oct. 21, 1915. George H. McClelland, Ph. D., over the Springfield First Church.

### III. Presbytery of Newburyport.

Consists of twenty-two ministers, nineteen churches. One candidate.

**Members Received:**

Rev. James McInnis, from the Presbytery of Duluth.  
Rev. Albert Thompson, from the Presbytery of Boston.  
Rev. A. Marston Andrews, from the Presbytery of Ludhina,  
India, Reformed Presbyterian.

**Members Dismissed:**

Vaclav P. Backora, to Presbytery of Otsego.  
F. Albert Arbuckle, to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara.  
John L. Hess, to the Presbytery of Sioux Falls.  
Francis D. George, to Norfolk Association, Congregational  
Churches and Ministers, Mass.

**Installations:**

Rev. Edgar Crossland, at Barre, Vermont.  
Stephen P. Brownell, at Antrim, N. H.  
Francis H. Laird, at West Barnet, Vermont.

**Supplies Stationed:**

Rev. James D. Cameron, at Londonderry, N. H.

**Calls Extended During the Synodical Year:**

Antrim, to Rev. Stephen P. Brownell.  
Houlton, to Rev. Albert M. Thompson.  
West Barnet, to Rev. Francis H. Laird.

**Presbyterial Changes—Pastoral Relations Dissolved:**

Dec. 22, 1914. Rev. F. Albert Arbuckle and Church at Antrim,  
New Hampshire.  
April 21, 1915. John L. Hess and Church at Houlton, Maine.  
Oct. 6, 1915. Rev. Vaclav Ziegler and the Church at South  
Ryegate, Vermont.  
Oct. 6, 1915. Rev. Francis D. George and the Church at Bed-  
ford, New Hampshire.

**IV. Providence Presbytery.**

Consists of ten ministers, eight churches. Has four candidates  
and one local evangelist.

**Minister Dismissed:**

Aug. 30, 1915. A. A. Griffes, Ph. D., to Presbytery of Lima.

**Local Evangelist Licensed:**

April 20, 1915. Richard S. Quigley, Stated Supply, Woonsocket,  
First.

**Candidate Received:**

Dec. 20, 1915. Richard S. Quigley.

**Church Disbanded:**

Dec. 21, 1914. Fall River, Globe.

**Elder Deceased:**

Jan. 17, 1915. Howard H. Thomson, of the South Framingham  
First Church.

**Elder Suspended:**

April 20, 1915. Hugh Williamson, of the Newport First  
Church.

## **WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

### **Synod of New England.**

**1915—1916.**

#### **OFFICERS.**

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Secretary of Mission Study—Mrs. N. H. Hankemeyer, R. D. 1, Hudson, N. H.

Secretary of Young People's Work—Miss C. Annie McKay, 41 W. Clifford St., Providence, R. I.

Secretary of Freedman's Work—Mrs. Frank V. Burton, 31 Brooklawn Place, Bridgeport, Conn.

Treasurer of Contingent Fund—Mrs. George Tarr, 84 Spring St., Manchester, N. H.

#### **PRESBYTERIAL OFFICERS.**

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## APPENDIX A.

Narrative and State of Religion—Synod of 1915. Portland, Me.,

October 26-28, 1915.

Your committee on narrative would respectfully report for the current ecclesiastical year as follows:

Through an oversight no detailed report has been received from the Presbytery of Boston, so we will not be able to give the detail from that Presbytery that we give to the others.

### I. Congregational Services.

Reports show that we have 83 ministers and 51 churches, with a membership of 12,169, an increase over last year of 483.

United with the church on examination, 709; increase of 41. The additions are divided as follows: Boston Presbytery, 319; Connecticut Valley, 206; Newburyport, 160; Providence, 84.

The Presbyteries of Connecticut Valley and Newburyport make no mention of the number of communion services held. All our churches report two Sabbath services, but the Presbytery of Newburyport speaks in a minor key regarding their evening services.

Weekly prayer meetings are reported in all our churches with an average attendance. South Framingham claims the banner, with an average prayer meeting attendance of over fifty per cent. of her membership.

Children and youth of our churches are reported as attending the services with increasing regularity, although no special effort is indicating in securing them.

### II. Sabbath Schools.

All our churches report Sabbath schools, and nearly all strike a very optimistic note. The total membership reported is 9,479, distributed as follows: Boston, 3,269; Connecticut Valley, 2,503; Newburyport, 2,404; Providence, 1,303. Newburyport reports a decrease of 242 from last year, while Connecticut Valley and Providence report excellent conditions.

Boston and Newburyport say the Westminster Catechism does not meet the approval of the modern mind, and that in Newburyport Presbytery it has gone. The Presbytery of Providence reports using our own lesson helps, but no statement on this matter is made by the other Presbyteries. Newburyport and Providence Presbyteries report flourishing Bible classes for men, in the churches of Bridgeport, Stamford and South Framingham.

### III. Societies.

Connecticut Valley reports all their churches having some kind of men's organization, especially commending the churches at Hartford and Bridgeport. Bridgeport reports about 400 people "tied to some kind of a job." Special conditions of interest are reported in the young people's societies in Connecticut Valley, as well as Missionary activity. This Presbytery reports several Mission Study classes. Providence Presbytery reports a splendid work in the Aid and Missionary societies, special mention being made of the churches at Providence, First and Second, and South Framingham.

Presbytery of Newburyport reports many of their societies in a state of reconstruction.

#### **IV. Spiritual Conditions.**

Connecticut Valley reports the spiritual condition of her churches the best in years, and in some churches the best in their history, while Newburyport Presbytery says that the social tendencies are leading her churches more than the religious tendencies of the churches, and are directing the social spirit. Providence Presbytery reports special religious interest in the churches at New Bedford and South Framingham.

#### **V. Family Religion.**

Boston Presbytery reports the difficulty in maintaining the family altar, in the conditions of modern city life. Connecticut Valley says answers on this question in their churches are indefinite. Newburyport Presbytery says "There is more spiritual life than formerly, but it has not received its impulse from the family life," while Providence Presbytery reports an effort being made in all her churches to re-establish the family altar, but with the competition of jitneys and runabouts this is difficult.

#### **VI. Benevolences.**

Several of our Boston churches have felt the strain of the past year of industrial depression. Newburyport reports that all save three of her churches have had greatly decreased incomes, owing to war conditions. Providence Presbytery reports the best year in benevolences in her history. Although the past year has been one of stress and strain, our total benevolences are \$14 in excess of last year. The double pocket envelope is used in nearly all our churches. All churches, save one, report as giving their people opportunity to contribute to the Boards of the church.

#### **VII. Miscellaneous.**

All our Presbyteries report that the financial obligations of the churches within their bounds are met with fidelity, and that the special days mentioned in our church calendar are observed. Sessions usually supervise the Sabbath school and other church activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman.

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